This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) Liquid-crystalline compounds of the formula I

in which

- X¹¹ denotes F, Cl, CN, NCS, SF₅, fluoroalkyl or fluoroalkoxy having 1 to 7 carbon atoms or fluoroalkenyl or fluoroalkenyloxy having 2 to 7 carbon atoms;
- L¹¹ denotes H or F, and

Y stands for O and W stands for CH₂ or Y stands for CH₂ and W stands for O or Y and W both stand for CH₂.

- 2. (Original) Liquid-crystalline compounds according to Claim 1, characterised in that L¹¹ denotes F.
- 3. (Currently Amended) Liquid-crystalline compounds according to Claim 1 or 2, characterised in that R¹¹ denotes a straight-chain alkyl or alkenyl radical having up to 7 carbon atoms.
- 4. (Currently Amended) Liquid-crystalline compounds according to one of Claims 1 to 3 Claim 1, characterised in that X¹¹ denotes F, Cl, , SF₅, CN, OCF₃ or OCHF₂.
- 5. (Currently Amended) Liquid-crystalline compounds according to one of Claims 1 to 4 Claim 1, characterised in that Y stands for O and W stands for

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CH₂.

- 6. (Currently Amended) Liquid-crystalline compounds according to one of Claims 1 to 4 Claim 1, characterised in that Y stands for CH₂ and W stands for O.
- 7. (Currently Amended) Liquid-crystalline compounds according to one of Claims 1 to 4 Claim 1, characterised in that Y and W both stand for CH₂.
- 8. (Original) Liquid-crystalline compounds according to Claim 1, selected from the group consisting of compounds of the formulae I1 to I30:

$$R^{11}$$
 O O F O O F

$$R^{11}$$
 O O F F O O F

$$R^{11}$$
 O O CN $I6$

$$R^{11}$$
 O O F O O F

$$R^{11}$$
 O O O CN CN

$$R^{11}$$
 O O F $I21$

$$R^{11}$$
 O O F O F O F

$$R^{11} \longrightarrow O \longrightarrow O \longrightarrow OCF_3 \qquad I27$$

where R¹¹ has the meanings indicated in Claim 1.

- 9. (Currently Amended) Use of one or more compounds of the formula I according to one of Claims 1 to 8 Claim 1 as components in a liquid-crystalline medium.
- 10. (Currently Amended) Liquid-crystalline medium having at least two liquid-crystalline compounds, characterised in that it comprises at least one compound of the formula I according to one of Claims 1 to 8 Claim 1.
- 11. (Original) Use of the liquid-crystalline medium according to Claim 10 for electro-optical purposes.
- 12. (Original) Electro-optical liquid-crystal display containing a liquid-crystalline medium according to Claim 10.